

SR 240

**RICHLAND WYE
TO
COLUMBIA CENTER BLVD.**

OL 3472

**ACCESS HEARING
PREHEARING PACKAGE**

**WESTCOAST TRI-CITIES HOTEL
1101 N. COLUMBIA CENTER BLVD.
KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON**

CONFERENCE ROOM (####)

ACCESS HEARING (TIME)

(DATE)

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MP 37.1 TO MP 38.9

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This report has been prepared to provide information regarding the construction of a new Richland Wye Interchange and the addition of 1 travel lane in each direction between SR 240 MP 37.1 to MP 38.9 and the construction of an additional auxiliary lane between MP 37.1 to the eastbound off ramp and the westbound on ramp at the new interchange. A new bridge structure will be constructed to replace the aging, substandard bridge (240/15) located at the existing Richland Wye Interchange. A bicycle path located along the east side of SR 240 will be constructed as a part of the project. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is preparing this project: "SR 240, Richland Wye Interchange to Columbia Center Blvd. Interchange". This project as discussed in this document will henceforth be termed "the Proposal".

PROJECT HISTORY

SR 240 is the primary route between the cities of Richland and Kennewick. SR 240 also serves a growing number of Hanford commuters traveling from the Kennewick area. The existing Richland Wye Interchange serves both residential and businesses located on or near Columbia Park Trail and Steptoe Street. The construction of additional travel lanes and interchange is intended to remedy the existing deficiencies of capacity, mobility and safety. The bike path will be constructed in conjunction with roadway improvements fulfilling a commitment dating back to January of 1976 between the City of Richland and the WSDOT to build a bike path when future improvements were made to SR 240.

PUBLIC SUPPORT/OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT

Two public "open house" meetings were held, the first on July 22, 1999, at the Ben Franklin Transit Center located at the Richland Wye Interchange in Richland, and the second held on March 29, 2001 at the Westcoast Tri-Cities Hotel Convention Center in Kennewick. The first open house was held to introduce five different SR 240 alignment and Richland Wye Interchange design proposals. The second open house was held to show the public and local agency officials the preferred design proposal.

On the basis of overall comments received at the open houses meetings, there appears to be a general consensus on the need for capacity improvements along the SR 240 corridor in general and the need for capacity improvements to the Richland Wye Interchange. Comments received from the City of Richland, Benton-Franklin Council of

Governments and Ben Franklin Transit were favorable, all indicating an urgent need for mobility improvements.

A number of comments received expressed initial concern to the project relative to impacts to local businesses and the residential community within the immediate project vicinity.

DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVE INTERCHANGE DESIGN CONCEPTS

Resulting from the VE (Value Engineering) Study held August 25 – 28, 1998 at Columbia Basin Community College and a series of design team meetings to discuss interchange design concept, five viable alternative designs were selected for consideration. The alternatives listed below are numbered by order of ranking in accordance with the outcome of the design selection study.

- Alternative 1 – Dual Roundabout
- Alternative 2 – Roundabout West/Partial Cloverleaf East
- Alternative 3 – Single Point Urban Interchange
- Alternative 4 – Tight Diamond
- Alternative 5 – Partial Cloverleaf

The primary evaluation criteria for the alternatives by ranking of importance were:

- Geometric design
- Capacity/Level of Service
- Construction Cost
- Environmental Impacts
- Constructibility
- Right-of- Way needs
- Maintainability

Originally Alternative 1 was selected although dropped for consideration after traffic modeling proved that it would not meet a desirable level of service at the design year of 2025. The second highest ranking, Alternative 2, was then selected.

NOTICE OF FULL ACCESS CONTROL HEARING

SR 240

RICHLAND WYE TO COLUMBIA CENTER BLVD.

You are hereby notified that the Washington State Deputy Design Engineer proposes a modification to the current full access control portion of SR 240 more particularly:

Between existing highway centerline Sta. L 46+19.42 and Sta. LE 180+89.64 now known as Sta. L 86+49.04 to Sta. LE 180+16.42; as shown on sheets 1 through 5 of 5 sheets of the right-of-way and full access control plan entitled “SR 240 MP 37.10 to MP 38.90 Richland Wye to Columbia Center Blvd., Benton County”. Under this plan, the SR 240 mainline and Richland Wye Interchange will be altered to improve traffic mobility as described below.

The purposed of this project is to improve safety and mobility through the construction of realigning the SR 240 mainline and with adding more travel lanes through the SR 240 causeway. In addition, the existing Richland Wye Interchange has been redesigned to increase mobility now and in the future due to the projected growth rate in this region. Each on-off connection in the proposed interchange area is designed to reduce traffic backup due to current traffic volume in addition to the existing outdated interchange. This project includes acquisition of right-of-way.

A formal Access Hearing will begin at (TIME) on (DATE) at the **West Coast Tri-Cities Hotel located at 1101 N. Columbia Center Blvd. Kennewick, Washington.** Those who attend the hearing will be given an overview of the project. Oral testimony will be taken one at a time by a court reporter. Full access control issues will only be addressed at this portion of the hearing. Individuals should anticipate the process taking about two hours of their time.

In accordance with section 47.52.133 of the Revised Code of Washington, as an owner whose property is affected by the proposed establishment of full access control, as a county or town, as an agency, organization, or as an interested citizen, you are hereby notified that a hearing as the full access control proposals will be held on (DATE) at (TIME).

Interpreters can be provided for persons with hearing impairments. Braille or taped information for people with visual impairments can also be provided. Please contact Mr. Moe Davari, Project Engineer, Washington State Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 3400, Pasco, Washington, 99302-3400, or telephone (509) 545-2381, by (DATE), so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The hearing site is accessible to all persons with physical disabilities.

Title VI notice to the Public: WSDOT hereby gives public notice that is the policy of the department to assure full compliance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and related statutes in all programs and activities. Persons wishing information may call the Washington State Department of Transportation, Office of Equal Opportunity at (360) 705-7095.

Plans, maps and other pertinent information will be on display, together with written comments received from interested agencies, groups and persons. Project designers and WSDOT representatives will be present to discuss tentative right-of-way acquisition and construction schedules, relocation assistance programs, and to answer questions about the project. Project information may be reviewed and copied prior to the hearing by contacting Mr. Moe Davari at the address listed above.

Persons wishing to express an opinion concerning the project may do so at the public hearing. Written testimony will be accepted at the hearing or can be sent to Mr. Moe Davari, Project Engineer, Washington State Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 3400 Pasco, Washington, 99302-3400 or by telephone (509) 545-2381. All written comments received by (DATE) will be considered by the project administrators and will be included in the formal hearing record.

It is the purpose of this notice and of the hearing, which it announces, to provide for the fullest exchange of information possible regarding the effect on the community of the Project being considered through full discussion and examination of the planning to date. This purpose is in consonance with and pursuant to RCW 47.52, Federal Highway Act (Title 23 U.S.C., 101 et seq., 128) and amendments thereto.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR ACCESS HEARING

LIST OF MEDIA RECEIVING PUBLISHED NOTICE OF HEARING:

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Tri-City Herald (Legal Advertisement) Ad ran (DATE to DATE)
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**COPY OF LETTER SENT TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,
PROPERTY OWNERS, AND INTERESTED PARTIES**

(DATE)

TO:

SUBJECT: L 3472; SR 240/Richland Wye to Columbia Center Blvd.
Access Hearing Notice

Dear:

This letter is to inform you that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will hold a Full Access Control Hearing for the SR 240/Richland Wye to Columbia Center Blvd. project on (DATE) at (TIME). The hearing will be held at the Westcoast Tri-Cities Hotel, 1101 N. Columbia Center Blvd., Kennewick, Washington.

Those who attend the Access Hearing will be given an overview description and purpose of the project. Oral testimony will be taken one at a time by a court reporter. Individuals should anticipate the process taking about two hours of their time.

The purpose of the project is to construct a new interchange replacing the existing Richland Wye Interchange to improve safety and mobility. In addition to the new interchange, travel lanes will be constructed between the Yakima River Bridge and the Columbia Center Blvd. Interchange. This project also includes the purchase of right-of-way, access rights, and other work.

Enclosed with this letter is a set of Access Hearing Plans for this project, and copies of the Notice of Hearing and the Notice of Appearance.

Project information may be reviewed and copied prior to the hearing by contacting the Project Engineer, Moe Davari P.E. at 1812 North 4th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301, or telephone (509) 545-2381. All written comments received prior to (DATE) will be incorporated into the formal project record.

Sincerely,

Moe Davari, P.E.
Project Engineer

Enclosure

HEARING AGENDA

- **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
by Don Whitehouse, P.E.
- **HEARING GUIDELINES AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**
by (hearing examiner)
- **INTRODUCTION OF EXHABITS**

by *(assistant attorney general)*, AAG

- **FULL ACCESS and PROJECT OVERVIEW**
by *George Hilsinger, P.E.*
- **ACCESS PLAN PRESENTATION**
by *George Hilsinger, P.E.*
- **RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION PROCESS**
by *Larry Hook*
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Moderated by *(hearing examiner)*
- **HEARING SUMMARY**
by *Don Whitehouse, P.E.*
- **CLOSING REMARKS**
by *(hearing examiner)*
- **COLLECT WRITTEN COMMENTS**
- **ANSWER PUBLIC QUESTIONS OFF THE RECORD**